Conference of State Textiles Ministers

436. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all State Governments have agreed to seriously consider providing tax exemption for inputs and marketing of products in the critical areas of textile sector likely handlooms, handicrafts, cocoon and silk yarns, jute, products;

(b) if so, whether this issue was discussed at the State Textile Ministers conference held in the month of April, 2001;

(c) what were the main issues discussed and the decisions arrived at the said conference; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Conference of State/UTs Ministers and Secretaries In-charge of Textiles had resolved that State Governments and UTs should seriously consider providing tax exemption for input and marketing of products in the sectors of Handlooms, Handicrafts, Cocoons and Silk Yarns, and Jute and Jute Products.

(c) Main issues discussed and resolved upon arose from the Agenda of the Conference, and included:

(i) Concerted efforts by States and UTs to facilitate investments particularly in the decentralized powerlooms sector and garment industry under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme(TUFS);

(ii) Programme for modernization of 2.5 lakh powerlooms in the decentralized powerloom sector;

(iii) Pro-active role of States and UTs in modernizing and upgrading the existing garment units and setting up of new units;

(iv) Infrastructure Development Scheme for development of textile centers and setting up of Apparel Parks;

(v) Active involvement of State/UTs for effective implementation of Cotton Technology Mission (CTM) & Technology Mission on Jute to be launched shortly;

(vi) Increased/support & assistance to Handloom weavers by making use especially of the assistance offered under Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY);

(vii) Availing benefits under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for promoting integrated development of handicrafts through cluster approach and setting up & upgradation of State Design Centres;

(viii) Securing pro-active role of Banks/FIs in sanction and disbursement of credit to the textile sector and States/UTs to make adequate - provisions in the State credit plans particularly for the decentralize sector; and

(ix) Creation of a separate department of textiles in States/UTs.

(d) The Ministry has written to State Govts, in follow-up implementation of the resolutions of the Conference which is as continuous process.

Status of Revival of NTC Mills

437. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 341 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 2000 and state:

(a) the unit-wise status of revival of NTC (WBABO) mills;

(b) the status of revival of NTC (WBABO) as a whole; and

(c) what is Government's time bound action plan for revival?